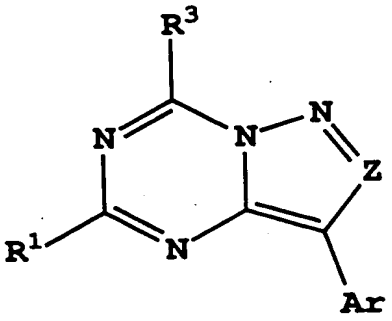
CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of treating affective disorder, anxiety, depression, headache, irritable bowel syndrome, post-traumatic stress disorder, supranuclear palsy, immune suppression, Alzheimer's disease, gastrointestinal diseases, anorexia nervosa or other feeding disorder, drug addiction, drug or alcohol withdrawal symptoms, inflammatory diseases, cardiovascular or heart-related diseases, fertility problems, human immunodeficiency virus infections, hemorrhagic stress, obesity, infertility, head and spinal cord traumas, epilepsy, stroke, ulcers, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, hypoglycemia or a disorder the treatment of which can be effected or facilitated by antagonizing CRF, including but not limited to disorders induced or facilitated by CRF, in mammals comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of Formulae (1) or (2):



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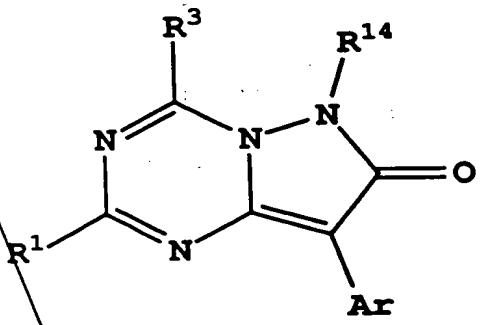

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and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and

pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof, wherein:

Z is N or CR^2;

Ar is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, triazinyl, furanyl, thienyl, benzothienyl, benzofuranyl, 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, 2,3-dihydrobenzothienyl, indanyl, 1,2-benzopyranyl, 3,4-dihydro-1,2-benzopyranyl, tetralinyl, each Ar optionally substituted with 1 to 5 R^4 groups and each Ar is attached to an unsaturated carbon atom;

R^1 is independently selected at each occurrence from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_2-C_4 alkenyl, C_2-C_4 alkynyl, halo, CN, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, C_1-C_{12} hydroxyalkyl, C_2-C_{12} alkoxyalkyl, C_2-C_{10} cyanoalkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{10} cycloalkylalkyl, NR^9R^{10}, C_1-C_4 alkyl-NR^9R^{10}, NR^9COR^{10}, OR^{11}, SH or $S(O)_nR^{12}$;

R^2 is selected from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_2-C_4 alkenyl, C_2-C_4 alkynyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{10} cycloalkylalkyl, C_1-C_4 hydroxyalkyl, halo, CN, -NR^6R^7, NR^9COR^{10}, -$NR^6S(O)_nR^7$, $S(O)_nNR^6R^7$, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, -OR^7, SH or -$S(O)_nR^{12}$;

R^3 is selected from:

-H, OR^7, SH, $S(O)_nR^{13}$, COR^7, CO_2R^7, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^7, $N(COR^7)_2$, $NR^8CONR^6R^7$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, NR^6R^7, $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$, $N(OR^7)R^6$, $CONR^6R^7$, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl, or

-C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_2-C_{10} alkynyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, C_5-C_8 cycloalkenyl, C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl or C_6-C_{10}

cycloalkenylalkyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{13}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl;

R^4 is independently selected at each occurrence from: C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_2-C_{10} alkynyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, NO_2, halo, CN, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, NR^6R^7, NR^8COR^7, $NR^8CO_2R^7$, COR^7, OR^7, $CONR^6R^7$, $CO(NOR^9)R^7$, CO_2R^7, or $S(O)_nR^7$, where each such C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_2-C_{10} alkynyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl and C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_4 alkyl, NO_2, halo, CN, NR^6R^7, NR^8COR^7, $NR^8CO_2R^7$, COR^7 OR^7, $CONR^6R^7$, CO_2R^7, $CO(NOR^9)R^7$, or $S(O)_nR^7$;

R^6, R^7, R^{6a} and R^{7a} are independently selected at each occurrence from:

-H,

-C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} alkynyl, C_1-C_{10} haloalkyl with 1-10 halogens, C_2-C_8 alkoxyalkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, C_5-C_{10} cycloalkenyl, or C_6-C_{14} cycloalkenylalkyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl,

cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{13}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl,

-aryl, aryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl), heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl), heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl(C_1-C_4 alkyl);

alternatively, NR^6R^7 and $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ are independently piperidine, pyrrolidine, piperazine, N-methylpiperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine, each optionally substituted with 1-3 C_1-C_4 alkyl groups;

R^8 is independently selected at each occurrence from H or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^9 and R^{10} are independently selected at each occurrence from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl;

R^{11} is selected from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl;

R^{12} is C_1-C_4 alkyl or C_1-C_4 haloalkyl;

R^{13} is selected from C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, C_2-C_8 alkoxyalkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl)-, heteroaryl or heteroaryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl)-;

R^{14} is selected from C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} alkynyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, or C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-

C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{15}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{15}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{15}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, and C_1-C_6 alkylthio, C_1-C_6 alkylsulfinyl and C_1-C_6 alkylsulfonyl;

R^{15} and R^{16} are independently selected at each occurrence from H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{16} cycloalkylalkyl, except that for $S(O)_nR^{15}$, R^{15} cannot be H;

aryl is phenyl or naphthyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 5 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{15}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{15}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{15}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, and $CONR^{16}R^{15}$;

heteroaryl is pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, triazinyl, furanyl, pyranyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, thienyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, indolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, benzothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl, 2,3-dihydrobenzothienyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, each being optionally substituted with 1 to 5 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{15}$, $-COR^{15}$, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{15}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{15}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, and $CONR^{16}R^{15}$;

heterocyclyl is saturated or partially saturated heteroaryl, optionally substituted with 1 to 5 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{15}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{15}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{15}$, $NR^{15}R^{16}$, and $CONR^{16}R^{15}$;

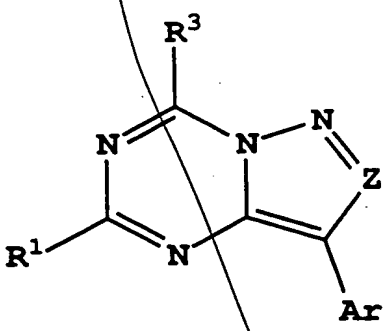
n is independently at each occurrence 0, 1 or 2;

with the proviso that when Z is CR^2, then R^3 is not NR^6R^7, $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ or OR^7.

2. A method of claim 1 wherein, in the compound of Formulae (1) or (2), Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents.

3. A method of claim 1 wherein, in the compound of Formulae (1) or (2), A is N, Z is CR^2, Ar is 2,4-dichlorophenyl, 2,4-dimethylphenyl or 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, R^1 and R^2 are CH_3, and R^3 is $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$.

4. A compound of Formulae (1) or (2):



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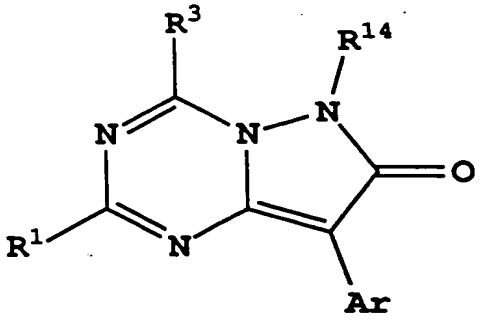

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and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein:

Z is N or CR^2;

Ar is selected from phenyl, naphthyl, pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, triazinyl, furanyl, thienyl, benzothienyl, benzofuranyl, 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, 2,3-dihydrobenzothienyl, indanyl, 1,2-benzopyranyl, 3,4-dihydro-1,2-benzopyranyl, tetralinyl, each Ar optionally substituted with 1 to 5 R^4 groups and each Ar is attached to an unsaturated carbon atom;

R^1 is independently selected at each occurrence from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_2-C_4 alkenyl, C_2-C_4 alkynyl, halo, CN, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, C_1-C_{12} hydroxyalkyl, C_2-C_{12} alkoxyalkyl, C_2-C_{10} cyanoalkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{10} cycloalkylalkyl, NR^9R^{10}, C_1-C_4 alkyl-NR^9R^{10}, NR^9COR^{10}, OR^{11}, SH or $S(O)_nR^{12}$;

R^2 is selected from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_2-C_4 alkenyl, C_2-C_4 alkynyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{10} cycloalkylalkyl, C_1-C_4 hydroxyalkyl, halo, CN, -NR^6R^7, NR^9COR^{10}, -$NR^6S(O)_nR^7$, $S(O)_nNR^6R^7$, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, -OR^7, SH or -$S(O)_nR^{12}$;

R^3 is selected from:

-H, OR^7, SH, $S(O)_nR^{13}$, COR^7, CO_2R^7, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^7, $N(COR^7)_2$, $NR^8CONR^6R^7$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, NR^6R^7, $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$, $N(OR^7)R^6$, $CONR^6R^7$, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl, or

-C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_2-C_{10} alkynyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, C_5-C_8 cycloalkenyl, C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl or C_6-C_{10} cycloalkenylalkyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{13}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, aryl, heteroaryl and heterocyclyl;

R^4 is independently selected at each occurrence from: C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_2-C_{10} alkynyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, NO_2, halo, CN, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, NR^6R^7, NR^8COR^7, $NR^8CO_2R^7$, COR^7, OR^7, $CONR^6R^7$, $CO(NOR^9)R^7$, CO_2R^7, or $S(O)_nR^7$, where each such C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_2-C_{10} alkynyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl and C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from

C_1-C_4 alkyl, NO_2, halo, CN, NR^6R^7, NR^8COR^7, $NR^8CO_2R^7$, COR^7 OR^7, $CONR^6R^7$, CO_2R^7, $CO(NOR^9)R^7$, or $S(O)_nR^7$;

R^6, R^7, R^{6a} and R^{7a} are independently selected at each occurrence from:
-H,
-C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} alkynyl, C_1-C_{10} haloalkyl with 1-10 halogens, C_2-C_8 alkoxyalkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, C_5-C_{10} cycloalkenyl, or C_6-C_{14} cycloalkenylalkyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{13}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl,
-aryl, aryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl), heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl), heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl(C_1-C_4 alkyl),
alternatively, NR^6R^7 and $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ are independently piperidine, pyrrolidine, piperazine, N-methylpiperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine, each optionally substituted with 1-3 C_1-C_4 alkyl groups;

R^8 is independently selected at each occurrence from H or C_1-C_4 alkyl;

R^9 and R^{10} are independently selected at each occurrence from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl;

R^{11} is selected from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl;

R^{12} is C_1-C_4 alkyl or C_1-C_4 haloalkyl;

R^{13} is selected from C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, C_2-C_8 alkoxyalkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl)-, heteroaryl or heteroaryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl)-;

R^{14} is selected from C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} alkynyl, C_3-C_8 cycloalkyl, or C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{15}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{15}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{15}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, and C_1-C_6 alkylthio, C_1-C_6 alkylsulfinyl and C_1-C_6 alkylsulfonyl;

R^{15} and R^{16} are independently selected at each occurrence from H, C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_{10} cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{16} cycloalkylalkyl, except that for $S(O)_nR^{15}$, R^{15} cannot be H;

aryl is phenyl or naphthyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 5 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{15}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{15}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{15}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, and $CONR^{16}R^{15}$;

heteroaryl is pyridyl, pyrimidinyl, triazinyl, furanyl, pyranyl, quinolinyl, isoquinolinyl, thienyl, imidazolyl, thiazolyl, indolyl, pyrrolyl, oxazolyl, benzofuranyl, benzothienyl, benzothiazolyl, isoxazolyl, pyrazolyl, 2,3-dihydrobenzothienyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, each being optionally substituted with 1 to 5 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{15}$, $-COR^{15}$, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{15}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{15}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, and $CONR^{16}R^{15}$;

heterocyclyl is saturated or partially saturated heteroaryl, optionally substituted with 1 to 5 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{15}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{15}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{15}$, $NR^{15}R^{16}$, and $CONR^{16}R^{15}$;

n is independently at each occurrence 0, 1 or 2;

with the provisos that:

(1) when Z is CR^2 and R^2 is H and R^3 is $OCOR^{13}$ and R^7 is H, then R^1 is not H, OH or SH;

(2) when Z is CR^2 and R^1 is CH_3 or C_2H_5 and R^2 is H, and R^3 is H, CH_3, C_2H_5, C_6H_5, n-C_3H_7, i-C_3H_7, SH or SCH_3, then Ar is not phenyl or m-CH_3-phenyl;

(3) when Z is CR^2 and R^2 is $-NR^6SO_2R^7$ or $-SO_2NR^6R^7$, then R^3 is not SH; and

(4) when Z is CR^2, then R^3 is not NR^6R^7, $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ or OR^7.

5. A compound of claim 4 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents.

6. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 4.

7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 5.

8. A compound of Formula (2) of claim 4 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof.

9. A compound of claim 8 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents.

10. A compound of claim 8 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein R^3 is $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ or OR^7.

11. A compound of claim 8 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents, and R^3 is $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ or OR^7.

12. A compound of Formula (1) of claim 4 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein Z is CR^2.

13. A compound of claim 12 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents.

14. A compound of claim 19 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein:

R^{6a} is independently selected from:

-H,

-C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} alkynyl, C_1-C_{10} haloalkyl with 1-10 halogens, C_2-C_8 alkoxyalkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, C_5-C_{10} cycloalkenyl, or C_6-C_{14} cycloalkenylalkyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-

C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{13}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl,

-aryl, aryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl)-, heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl)-, heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl(C_1-C_4 alkyl)-; and

R^{7a} is independently selected at each occurrence from:

-H,

-C_5-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} alkynyl, C_1-C_{10} haloalkyl with 1-10 halogens, C_2-C_8 alkoxyalkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, C_5-C_{10} cycloalkenyl, or C_6-C_{14} cycloalkenylalkyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{13}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl,

-aryl, aryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl), heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl), heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl(C_1-C_4 alkyl);

alternatively, NR^6R^7 and $NR^{6a}R^{7a}$ are independently piperidine, pyrrolidine, piperazine, N-methylpiperazine, morpholine or thiomorpholine, each optionally substituted with 1-3 C_1-C_4 alkyl groups.

15. A compound of claim 4 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of

stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein:

R^{6a} and R^{7a} are identical and are selected from:

-C_1-C_4 alkyl or C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{13}$, $-COR^{15}$, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl, and

-aryl or heteroaryl.

16. A compound of claim 4 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein:

R^{6a} is selected from:

-H,

-C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_3-C_{10} alkenyl, C_3-C_{10} alkynyl, C_1-C_{10} haloalkyl with 1-10 halogens, C_2-C_8 alkoxyalkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, C_5-C_{10} cycloalkenyl, or C_6-C_{14} cycloalkenylalkyl, each optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{13}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl,

-aryl, aryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl), heteroaryl, heteroaryl(C_1-C_4 alkyl), heterocyclyl or heterocyclyl(C_1-C_4 alkyl);

R^{7a} is selected from:

-C_1-C_4 alkyl and each such C_1-C_4 alkyl is substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)nR^{13}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl.

17. A compound of claim 4 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein:

one of R^{6a} and R^{7a} is selected from:

-C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, each such C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)nR^{13}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $NR^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl,

-aryl,

-heteroaryl or

-heterocyclyl,

and the other of R^{6a} and R^{7a} is unsubstituted C_1-C_4 alkyl.

18. A compound of claim 4 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of

stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein R^{6a} and R^{7a} are independently H or C_1-C_{10} alkyl, each such C_1-C_{10} alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{13}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $R^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl.

19. A compound of claim 14 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents.

20. A compound of claim 15 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents.

21. A compound of claim 16 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents.

22. A compound of claim 17 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein Ar is phenyl,

pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents.

23. A compound of claim 18 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents.

24. A compound of claim 4 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein

-Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents,

-R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{10} cycloalkylalkyl.

25. A compound of claim 14 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein

-Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents,

-R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{10} cycloalkylalkyl.

26. A compound of claim 15 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein

-Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents,

-R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{10} cycloalkylalkyl.

27. A compound of claim 16 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein

-Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents,

-R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{10} cycloalkylalkyl.

28. A compound of claim 17 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein

-Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents,

-R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{10} cycloalkylalkyl.

29. A compound of claim 18 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein

-Ar is phenyl, pyridyl or 2,3-dihydrobenzofuranyl, and each Ar is optionally substituted with 1 to 4 R^4 substituents,

-R^1 and R^2 are independently selected from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{10} cycloalkylalkyl.

30. A compound of claim 24 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein R^{6a} and R^{7a} are independently H or C_1-C_{10} alkyl, each such C_1-C_{10} alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_6 alkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, halo, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, cyano, OR^{15}, SH, $S(O)_nR^{13}$, COR^{15}, CO_2R^{15}, $OC(O)R^{13}$, NR^8COR^{15}, $N(COR^{15})_2$, $R^8CONR^{16}R^{15}$, $NR^8CO_2R^{13}$, $NR^{16}R^{15}$, $CONR^{16}R^{15}$, aryl, heteroaryl or heterocyclyl.

31. A compound of claim 4 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein R^1 is independently selected at each occurrence from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_2-C_4 alkenyl, C_2-C_4 alkynyl, halo, CN, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, C_1-C_{12} hydroxyalkyl, C_2-C_{12} alkoxyalkyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{10} cycloalkylalkyl.

32. A compound of claim 4 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein R^2 is selected from H, C_1-C_4 alkyl, C_2-C_4 alkenyl, C_2-C_4 alkynyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{10} cycloalkylalkyl, C_1-C_4 hydroxyalkyl, halo, CN, $-NR^6R^7$, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, $-OR^7$.

33. A compound of claim 4 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein R^4 is independently selected at each occurrence from: C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl, C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl, halo, CN, C_1-C_4 haloalkyl, NR^6R^7, COR^7, OR^7, where each such C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C_2-C_{10} alkenyl, C_2- C_3-C_6 cycloalkyl and C_4-C_{12} cycloalkylalkyl are optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents independently selected at each occurrence from C_1-C_4 alkyl, NR^6R^7, COR^7 OR^7, CO_2R^7.

34. A compound of claim 4 and isomers thereof, stereoisomeric forms thereof, or mixtures of stereoisomeric forms thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salt forms thereof wherein R^4 is independently selected at each occurrence from: H, C_1-C_{10} alkyl, C1-C4 alkoxy, halo, CN and $-NR^6R^7$.

35. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim 5, 14, 15 and 19.

36. A method of treating affective disorder, anxiety, depression, headache, irritable bowel syndrome, post-traumatic stress disorder, supranuclear palsy, immune suppression, Alzheimer's disease, gastrointestinal diseases, anorexia nervosa or other feeding disorder, drug addiction, drug or alcohol withdrawal symptoms, inflammatory diseases, cardiovascular or heart-related diseases, fertility problems, human immunodeficiency virus infections, hemorrhagic stress, obesity, infertility, head and spinal cord traumas, epilepsy, stroke, ulcers, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis,

hypoglycemia or a disorder the treatment of which can be effected or facilitated by antagonizing CRF, including but not limited to disorders induced or facilitated by CRF, in mammals comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of claim claim 4, 5, 14, 15 and 19.

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